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In re application of: §
    Burton et al. §   Group Art Unit: 4471
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Serial No. 09/394,590 §
     §   Examiner: Nguyen, ThuHa
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For: Method and Apparatus for Exposing §
    Network Administration Stored in a §
    Directory Using HTTP/WEBDAV §
    Protocol §

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the continued examination, please consider the amendments and remarks below
in response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1.   (Twice Amended) A method for manipulating network objects by using Internet
authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol, wherein the protocol allows a user to perform
remote web content authoring operations, the method comprising:

receiving a request using the Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol for
a manipulation of a first network object from a requesting user, wherein the first network object
includes at least one from the group consisting of: devices, resources and container objects;

verifying a first set of authorization information;

translating a logical object address to a physical file system path;

checking a file system for validity and authorization for the requesting user including
determining whether the first network object is a network object;

verifying a username and a password for the requesting user;

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